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Cc: Poche, Rene G MVN[Rene.G.Poche@usace.army.mil]
From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Wed 11/18/2015 9:26:44 PM
Subject: NOT FOR RELEASE: RE: West Lake Landfill Update (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks Amanda,

Here are the current details. They may need to change but I'll keep you posted if they do.

What:
EPA R7 News Conference

Who:
Region 7 Administrator Mark Hague
MO Attorney General Chris Koster (confirmed)
MO Department of Natural Resources Director, Sara Parker Pauley (unconfirmed)

When:
Tuesday Nov. 24, 1:00 p.m. CT

Where:
Robert A. Young, Federal Building
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, MO

Details:
EPA Region 7 Administrator Mark Hague is expected to be joined by the MO Attorney General in announcing EPA's determination that completed field work and analytical data provides the information needed to locate the boundary between the radiologically impacted material in the West Lake Landfill and the North Quarry of the Bridgeton Landfill. The finding of this clean line is a critical step in making a decision on a firebreak (or isolation barrier) to prevent the Bridgeton landfill subsurface smoldering event from reaching the radiologically impacted material at the West Lake Landfill.

Mr. Hague will also announce EPA's time critical order to Republic services that requires them to develop an improved surface fire prevention and suppression plan. The plan will provide specific actions To be taken to prevent surface fires in the area where RIM is closest to the surface in OU1.

EPA plans to announce in December its decision on a firebreak or isolation barrier, in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. EPA is working with USACE to conclude the engineering analysis required for this decision.

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From: Kruse, Amanda [mailto:Amanda.L.Kruse@usace.army.mil]
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Subject: RE: West Lake Landfill Update (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi Curtis,
I have copied our interim PAO Chief, Rene Poche, on this email. Thanks again for reaching out to us about the upcoming news conferences. Can you provide me any more details on the 24 Nov news conference?
Thank you!

Amanda

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From: Carey, Curtis [mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
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To: Kruse, Amanda
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: West Lake Landfill Update (UNCLASSIFIED)

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From: Kruse, Amanda [mailto:Amanda.L.Kruse@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: West Lake Landfill Update (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Thank you Mr. Carey.
I will do my best!

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From: Carey, Curtis [mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 3:04 PM
To: Petersen, Michael MVS
Cc: Washburn, Ben; Kruse, Amanda
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: West Lake Landfill Update (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks Mike,

Sorry to see you leave. I'm sure it must be an awesome gig though!

Amanda: good to meet you. Look forward to working with you.

Best,
Curtis

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From: Petersen, Michael MVS [mailto:Michael.W.Petersen@usace.army.mil]
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To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
Cc: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>; Kruse, Amanda <Amanda.L.Kruse@usace.army.mil>
Subject: RE: West Lake Landfill Update (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Curtis -

Thanks for keeping me in the loop.

As a heads-up for you and Ben, I'm getting ready to depart St. Louis at the end of the month for a new job elsewhere in the Corps. Amanda Kruse from my shop (copied here) will be our lead PA person on FUSRAP, and accordingly will be our point person for West Lake for the time being.

I'm sure we'll be in touch again before I pack up and go, but it's been good working with your team. You all face a huge communication challenge here, and the efforts I've seen since in the past year and a half have been stellar.

Cheers,
Mike

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From: Carey, Curtis [mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:49 AM

To: Petersen, Michael MVS
Cc: Washburn, Ben
Subject: [EXTERNAL] West Lake Landfill Update

Good Morning Michael,

I'm reaching out to share an update about the West Lake Landfill.

We published a new West Lake Update newsletter that addresses recent documents released by the MO AG and provides details on the extensive sampling that demonstrates there is no imminent danger to public health from the radiologically-impacted material in the West Lake Landfill. Moreover, EPA's top researchers in the Office of Research and Development indicate that even in the highly unlikely scenario that the subsurface smoldering event in the adjacent Bridgeton Landfill reached the RIM there's no evidence that RIM could become explosive.

EPA Region 7's goal at the site is to protect the health of the people who work at and live around the West Lake Landfill. To accomplish this goal, we are directing the PRP's to complete the investigations necessary to support a remedy decision that can be implemented as quickly as possible.

We are continuing to work closely with federal and state partners. We also continue working closely with the county emergency manager in his routine contingency planning.

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Additional information is available on our web page.

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Best regards,

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